

## **Youth Resource Connections**

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### **Headlines**

**Target Store offers funds to Local Communities.** Target stores across the country are now accepting applications for the company's community giving grant program. The program awards grants in three areas: arts, education, and family violence prevention. Nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status, a school or a unit of government are eligible to apply. For more information go to: <http://www.target.com>. **Deadline: July 31.**

**The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Announces Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGAs) for Work Incentive Grant Program.** ETA plans to award 20-40 grants ranging from \$100,000 to \$ 700,000 to local workforce boards and statewide grantees to continue an emphasis on addressing infrastructure inadequacies and programmatic access of the One Stop system for people with disabilities. Background information, requirements for Statement of Work, and the review process may be found in the February 11 Federal Register Notice. Visit: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/pdf/03-3338.pdf>. **Closing date for proposals is March 28.**

**WIA Learning Exchange for Youth System Workshop.** The National Youth Employment Coalition (NYEC) and American Youth Policy Forum will host a WIA Learning Exchange Youth System workshop in Bloomington, Minnesota, March 27-28. The workshop provides an opportunity for local workforce professionals to share promising practices in recruitment and retention of out-of-school youth, strengthening partnerships, and documenting competencies. For more information visit: <http://www.dtiassociates.com/wiaexchange>.

### **Program Spotlight**

**Project PRIDE helps Out-of-School Youth (OSY).** Since 1987, Project Pride, located in Rochester, New Hampshire, has served the communities' OSY. Many factors contribute to their success, such as small class size, formulating work that coincides with a youth's specific learning style, hands-on training in sciences, and practical skills training related to real world experiences. The staff participates in weekly meetings to discuss methods to improve their skills and techniques. For more information contact Kathy Condon at 603-330-3377.

**National Guard Program in Rhode Island sponsors Work-Based Learning Project.** This program, operated by the Rhode Island National Guard, targets services to in-school youth ages 14-18. Over an eight-week period, youth are exposed to computer training combined with assembling materials for products containing raw materials. One of the key strategies adopted by this project is using youth peers to assist in the facilitation of specific training modules.

## **Opportunities for Youth**

**Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Accepts Applications for the Young Scholars Program.** The foundation provides financial support and individualized educational services to youth during their high school careers. Youth receive services to help them develop their talents and abilities. Approximately thirty-five youth will be selected in 2003. Eligible youth must be entering the 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2003. For complete program information and application guidelines visit:

<http://www.jackkentcookefoundation.org/yngschol/index.html> **Deadline: May 1.**

**Kohl's offers Kids Volunteer Awards.** Kohl's has announced its third annual "Kohl's Kids Who Care" volunteer recognition program to recognize youth, ages 6 to 18, for outstanding service to their community. National finalists will receive \$5,000 for post-secondary education training. Nominees must be between the ages of 6 and 18 and not yet graduated from high school. Official rules, nominations forms, and a list of store locations are available on-line at the Kohl's website. Visit:

<http://www.kohlscorporation.com>. **Deadline: March 15.**

## **Funding Opportunities**

**The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) seeks applicants to initiate a Nature Learning Program.** Nature Learning is a new-community-based environmental education initiative that seeks to use national wildlife refuges and other natural areas as outdoor classrooms to promote understanding of conservation issues. The program will award grants of up to \$5,000 on a competitive basis to support start-up expenses. Schools or nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply. Programs must involve a partnership between a local school, community group and a national wildlife refuge. For further information contact the NFWF website at:

<http://www.nfwf.org/programs/tnol.htm>. **Deadline: June 30.**

**Coming Up Taller Awards.** The Coming Up Taller Awards, sponsored by the President's Committee on Arts and Humanities, in partnership with other government agencies, recognizes and supports outstanding after-school and out-of-school arts and humanities program for under-served children and youth. Ten awardees will receive \$10,000. Programs initiated by museums, libraries, performing arts organizations, universities, schools, businesses and government are encourage to participate. Nonprofit, tax exempt 501(c)(3) organizations, units of state or local government or federally recognized tribal communities are eligible to apply. For additional information go to:

<http://www.cominguptaller.org>. **Deadline: April 4.**

**National 4-H offers Community Action Grants.** The National 4-H Community Tree Planting Grant Program will provide community action grants ranging from \$200 to \$1,000 for new and creative youth-led activities that promote community tree planting and/or reforestation projects. Local resources must match the program's seed funds. Guidelines and applications may be obtained from the National 4-H website. Visit: <http://fourhcouncil.edu/programs>. **Deadline: March 18.**

## **Websites**

**"About Our Kids" website.** This website, operated by New York University's Child Study Center, connects parents and youth workers to critical information about child mental health and behavior. Go to: <http://www.aboutourkids.org>.

**“Juvenile Justice Evaluation Center” on-line.** The site brings together a wealth of resources ranging from state data to instruments that measure program effectiveness. Visit:  
<http://www.jrsa.orgijec>.

### ***Publications/Reports/Resources***

**South Central Idaho Works publishes a newsletter entitled “Update”.** *Update* is a newsletter designed to provide information on the Youth Offenders Demonstration Project in Idaho. Contact Catherine Haynes at 208-732-5727, ext. 3004.

**Northeastern University publishes report, “Left Behind in the Labor Market”.** The study documents how the nation has fared in keeping young adults actively engaged in school and employed in recent years. It also addresses the growing labor market plight of many of the nation’s out-of-school youth over the past two years. The report is available on-line at:  
<http://www.nupr.neu.edu>.

**Treating Teens: A Guide to Adolescent Drug Programs.** The organization, Drug Strategies, offers a guide to teen drug treatment centers nationwide and parents and youth workers seeking adolescent substance abuse treatment programs. Contact staff at Drug Strategies at 202-289-9070 or visit:  
<http://www.drugstrategies.org>.

**University of Oklahoma National Resource Center for Youth Services.** Provides resources for training, conferences, program development and curricula for persons working with youth. Information may be obtained by calling: 1-800-274-2687 or the website located at:  
<http://nrcyc.ou.edu>.

**New CD teaches Life Skills through Music.** The Youth Development Research Fund has developed a CD for teens addressing crucial issues confronting youth. The CD may be used as an educational tool for youth programs to incorporate into their life skills curriculum. To view contents of the CD visit: <http://www.ydrf.com>.

**Workforce Innovation Networks (WIN) Announces Tools to Improve Employer Engagement in the Local Workforce.** Jobs for the Future has developed a series of resources for engaging employers in workforce development. These resources are available on-line at the Jobs for the Future website: <http://www.jff.org>.

### ***Calendar of Events***

**March 2-4, Washington, DC.** National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) Forum 2003. Contact: <http://www.nawb.org/asp/forum2003.asp>.

**March 13-14, Washington, DC.** 2003 Intercultural Management Institute Conference. Contact Heidi Ashton at 202-885-6439 or visit: <http://www.imi.american.edu>.

**March 19-21, Baltimore, MD.** The Enterprise Foundation, National Workforce Conference. For further information, call: 410-772-2760.

**March 26-28, Milwaukee, WI.** The E Institute for Entrepreneurship. For further information, call: 920-993-9800.

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**March 27-28, Bloomington, MN.** WIA Learning Exchange Workshop. Visit: <http://www.dtiassociates.com/wiaexchange>.

**March 30-April 1, Sacramento, CA.** California Coalition for Youth. For further information, call: 916-340-0505 or visit: <http://www.calyouth.org>.

**April 8-10, Denver, CO.** Region VI Youth Summit. Contact Joe Eitel at 303-866-4991 or visit: <http://www.state.co.us/owd>.

**April 11-13, Nationwide.** National Youth Service Day. Visit: <http://ysa.org/nysindex.cfm> or send an e-mail to: ysa.org.

**April 23-26, Minneapolis, MN.** 14<sup>th</sup> Annual National Service Learning Conference. To register on-line go to <http://www.nylc.org> or call 800-366-6952.

**April 23-25, Chicago, IL.** National Pathways To Adulthood 2003 Conference. A conference for Independent Living State Coordinators, transitional living grantees and other youth services providers. For further information, call: 918-660-3700.

**April 27-29, Reno, NV.** Rural Workforce Conference 2003 (Region VI). Contact Kris Latimer at 541-928-0241, ext. 219.

**May 4-7, St. Louis, MO.** National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP). Visit: <http://www.nawdp.org>.

**May 12-17, Des Moines, IA.** 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Education Conference. For further information, call: 800-277-8145.

**June 4-5, Washington, DC.** Research Conference on "Workforce Investment Issues in the US". Contact Crystal Woodward at 202-693-3162 or visit: [cwoodward@doleta.gov](mailto:cwoodward@doleta.gov).

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**We welcome your input.** Please let us know how these updates might be improved to better serve your needs. If you would like to contribute information, post an inquiry, or suggest topics to cover, please contact Anne Stom ([Astom@doleta.gov](mailto:Astom@doleta.gov); 202-693-3377 or Susan Rosenblum ([srosenblum@doleta.gov](mailto:srosenblum@doleta.gov); 202-693-3597).

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